

## FARM NEWS.

## DAIRY POINTERS.

The silo must furnish succulent food for the winter. Nothing has yet been invented to beat it.

The Progressive Farmer claims that "about one-third of the dairy cows of the country are being kept at a loss, and about one-third merely pay the expense of keeping them, while about one-third make all the profit that is made off dairying in this country." Many creameries ruin their butter by accepting poor and rotten cream from farmers who do not properly care for their cream after separation.

Some farmers look upon dairy work as too hard and confining. It is not so much so as many occupations in the city.

Dairy farmers in my vicinity take their milk or cream to the city, eight or nine miles away, and are back at home ready for another job soon after the noon hour.

Don't sell your whole milk to the creamery unless you get a good price. It is better to make out of it a fine quality of butter at home and sell it at a high price to special customers.

Separate your cream at once when possible and cool it down to 55 degrees. Never allow successive skimmings to stand till they decay before churning. That is the way to make villainous butter.

## MILK AND POULTRY.

Skim milk is one of the best feeds for laying hens. With a good price for butter, it pays better to churn the cream and feed the skim milk to hens rather than sell the milk at the low price offered in some cities.

The West Virginia Experiment Station has proven the great value of skim milk as an egg-producing food. In 123 days twenty-two hens fed on skim milk laid 1,244 eggs, while the same number of hens fed on a mash with water laid only 996 eggs. The result was similar in other tests.

One New York producer reports only eighty-seven cents for a forty-quart can of milk sold in the city market. Yet, by turning it into butter and feeding the refuse milk to hens he could get for his forty-quart can of milk as high as \$1.84 instead of eighty-seven cents.

## WILL THE POULTRY BUSINESS BE OVERDONE?

A writer asks us this question, and adds that since the farmers have begun to look after their fowls, it seems to be but a matter of time when the supply will exceed the demand. Such will never be the case. On the contrary, poultry raising is just in its infancy, and the demand will continue to grow. Housekeepers are gradually learning to appreciate the value of eggs as compared with beef and poultry, and consequently are using more of each, and demanding a better quality than they could get a few years since. Eggs are no longer eggs unless they are strictly fresh, and poultry must be fat and in prime condition. Consumers are willing to pay a premium for such stock, and that is why some are worth double the price they sold for ten years since. Cheap products of the poultry-yard are things of the past, and it is time for those who can to prepare to look after the fowls and take advantage of the high prices which are sure to come.

## "STRIPPINGS."

Any farm wife can tell you about "strippings" when it comes to milking a cow. They are the rich milk, which is drawn last. The idea has been advanced that all milk from the cow is alike, but this is a mistake.

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## OUR NEIGHBORS.

A cloudburst on Middle creek, near Prestonsburg, last Thursday caused that stream to become so swollen that many houses and barns were swept away.

The stork, which has been hovering over Pikeville lately with outstretched wings, descended on last Wednesday, filling two homes with joy by placing in each a beautiful young daughter—first born in the family of Attorney Albert Sidney Iodtiff, and third addition in the home of Attorney T. H. Harmon, on the Heights.

Fred Victor, of Smith Branch, killed eight copperhead snakes last Tuesday. Mr. Victor while working on his farm ran into a den of snakes and succeeded in killing all or them. This seems to be the record snake story for Greenup county this year.

One of the worst hail storms in the history of the city visited Iron-ton, at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The plate glass window at the Fashion, the largest glass between Cincinnati and Pittsburg, was broken. Windows at the court house, Swisher's cigar factory, the News office and in many homes were broken. Reports from Hecla and Coal Grove say lightning struck many places and killed live stock. The fruit everywhere was damaged.

We are pained to chronicle the death of James Lyons, a well known citizen of Johnson county, which occurred at his home on Frank's creek Friday morning. Mr. Lyons had been in failing health for two years and during the past year his decline was rapid. About six months ago he sustained a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Lyons married a daughter of F. M. Stafford and is survived by a widow and several sons and daughters. He was a son of the late Hamilton Lyons, a pioneer oil prospector and was a man considerably above the average in intelligence.—Paintsville Herald.

James Frazier, a yard man on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad yards at Kenova, was instantly killed after a most shocking manner Friday evening shortly after four o'clock. He, with a working companion, was pushing a car of rubbish along the yards, just east of the Kenova depot, and an engine was backing down another track to be coupled to an outgoing passenger train. As the engine reached a point only a few yards from where Frazier and his companion were, the unfortunate man suddenly forgetting himself, as is believed, stepped over on the track in front of the engine.

About five o'clock Monday afternoon, near the Olive Hill Fire Brick Co.'s plant, Sherman Stephens and John Tackett became involved in a dispute over a payment of two dollars. Tackett claimed he won off Stephens in a game of cards. Stephens, who was unarmed, it is claimed, was at the mercy of Tackett, who was armed and shot Stephens three times from the effects of which he died that night. The trouble was the result of some liquor landing there from a train the same afternoon. Sherman Stephens was a brother of Marshal Scott Stephens, who made the arrest of Tackett and landed him safe in the jail at Grayson for safe keeping to await his examining trial.

Another victim of the merciless hand of the white plague has succumbed to the dread attack after several months' lingering illness—Mrs. Mary A. Rice, widow of J. H. Rice, who preceded her to the great beyond about eighteen months ago. Mrs. Rice breathed her last at 10 o'clock Thursday evening, at the home of her brother-in-law, W. W. Rice, at Ashland, where she had made her home since her husband's death. The deceased was a daughter of David and Nancy May, of Magoffin county, and was born July 9, 1845. She was married December 6, 1866, and that happy union resulted in five children to brighten and bless their happy home. She belonged to a prominent family, whose name is linked with Magoffin county's history since its earliest days.

Olive Hill is getting her name upon the roll of shooting, killing and fighting. Shooting or cutting scraps of some description are, to be reported almost every week. Last week a man named Swanagan shot himself, resulting in his death, near the brick yards; the week before a woman attempted to slash another woman with a razor on one of our main streets in the heart of the town. This week it is a cold-blooded murder of a young man of the town near the



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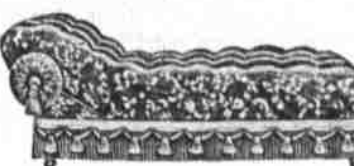
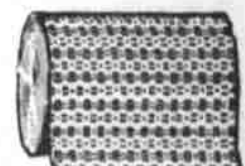
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scene of the tragedy of a week ago. Are we contesting for the honors with Jackson or Breathitt county? It is certainly nearing that stage of the game. Our record is not an enviable one by any means. This state of affairs does not speak in very glowing terms for a dry town like Olive Hill. Such records of crimes are not unusual and are not unexpected in towns where liquor is vendible without molestation, but here better order is to be looked for.—Olive Hill Times.

Whitesburg, Ky., Aug. 18.—The entire upper section of this county and much of Pike suffered untold damage from heavy rains, washouts, disastrous winds, hail and thunder-storm late this afternoon and as a result whole fields of corn are completely devastated, fences swept away and general havoc wrought so far as can be obtained by telephone connection tonight. Many of the telephone lines are completely out of commission. No connection can be had from Pike county, but advices from Baker, near the border, say the corn crops in Long Fork are damaged thousands of dollars.

Tackett brothers lost several hundred saw logs from their mills. Hogs and cattle were drowned by the hundreds, including several milch cows. The Southern Bell Telephone Company lines are down about two-thirds the distance along Long Fork. Many poles are down and many of the lines washed away. Connection cannot be established within a week. So far there is no loss of life reported. The damage will reach \$20,000 alone on Long Fork, while many sections of Boone's Fork, Milestone and upper Kentucky river have suffered extensively. The corn crop is damaged more than one-half.

## Festival at Midway.

There will be an ice cream festival at the Midway school house the 28th of August, beginning at 4 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

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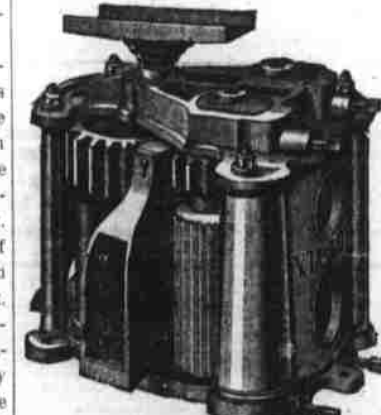
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